

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

WILLIAM BUMGARNER,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:22-cv-05650-JHC

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On September 7, 2022, Plaintiff William Bumgarner filed his complaint seeking review of the Commissioner's decision denying social security benefits. Dkt. # 10. The Clerk issued summonses the same day. Dkt. # 11.

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m), a plaintiff must serve the defendant within 90 days after the complaint is filed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). Under this district's General Orders 04-15 and 05-15, Plaintiff may effectuate service electronically by sending a copy of the summons and complaint, along with Plaintiff's identifying information, by email to: USAWAW.SSAClerk@usdoj.gov.

Once service is effectuated, the Commissioner must serve an answer to Plaintiff's complaint within 60 days. Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(2); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P., Supplemental R. 4

1 for Social Security Actions Under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) (effective Dec. 1, 2022) (“An answer must
2 be served on the plaintiff within 60 days after notice of the action is given under Rule 3.”).

3 To date, Plaintiff has not filed proof of service, and the Commissioner has not served an
4 answer. The Court therefore ORDERS Plaintiff to file proof of service on Defendant no later
5 than March 21, 2023. If Plaintiff cannot comply with that deadline, however, he must SHOW
6 CAUSE by the same date why this action should not be dismissed.

7 Dated this 7th day of March, 2023.

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10 United States District Judge
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